

**Amendments to the Claims**

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1. (Previously presented) A base metal alloy powder comprising:  
at least about 58% by weight Ni,  
about 0.2% to 30% by weight Cu, and  
about 6% to 40% by weight Cr,  
wherein said powder comprises particles which are substantially spherical and comprise  
an average particle size from about 25nm to about 700nm.
2. (Previously presented) An alloy powder according to claim 1, wherein  
said alloy further comprises at least one of the elements selected from Ag, Al, Au, B, Be,  
Ca, Ce, Co, Fe, Ge, Hf, Mg, La, Nb, Mn, Mo, Si, Sn, P, Pd, Pt, Ta, Ti, V, W, Y, Zn and  
Zr in an amount of about 0.1 to 20% by weight based on total metal.
3. (Original) An alloy powder according to claim 2, wherein said alloy  
further comprises at least two of said additional elements.
4. (Original) An alloy powder according to claim 2, wherein the said  
additional elements are present in said alloy in an amount of up to 6% by weight.
5. (Cancelled)
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7. (Cancelled)
8. (Withdrawn) An alloy powder according to claim 1, wherein said alloy is  
a copper-nickel-chromium alloy comprising from about 0.2 to 30% by weight of nickel.